



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0023.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Renato CARETTA et al.)
Application Serial No. 09/840,095) Group Art Unit: 1733
Filed: April 24, 2001) Examiner: Knable, G.
For: A METHOD FOR MAKING)
TIRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") mailed November 19, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed with this Amendment After Final ("Amendment"), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 32 of this paper.